

Explore Scotland's Undiscovered Coast



ANGUS COASTAL FESTIVAL

7-17 September 2018

PROGRAMME
OF EVENTS

Welcome

If you need an excuse to explore one of Scotland's hidden corners, to discover the county's rich natural history, explore golden beaches, rock pools, wide expanses of sand dunes and flower-strewn cliffs, then please join our Angus Coastal Festival events between 7th and 17th September!

Angus is famous for its abundant wildlife – puffins and Small Blue butterflies in the summer, migrant birds in the autumn, roaming whales and dolphins, thrift and kidney vetch. Its diversity is unparalleled on the North Sea coast. There are few crowds, the weather can be mild, the wildlife is sublime and the places to explore are outstanding.

Our very first Angus Coastal Festival will highlight some of the hidden – and not so hidden – corners, encouraging you to look deeper and take home some special memories, whether your home is nearby or many miles away. Everyone is welcome to join in the events, from spotting wildlife with youngsters, enjoying a guided cycle ride, joining the beach cleans being organised by local communities all-round the coast, listening to a myriad of talks or enjoying the exhibitions.



Friday 7 September

FESTIVAL LAUNCH EVENT

Making Homes for Butterflies: Enhancing Angus Coastal Habitats

Join the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership and Butterfly Conservation (Scotland) in sowing kidney vetch seeds to help our rare small blue butterflies.

- Time:** 10.30am
Location: Links House, Carnoustie Golf Links, DD7 7JF
Cost: FREE
Booking: Drop in

WALK

In Search of Dolphins and Coastal Wildlife

Join the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership on a guided walk to Scurdie Ness lighthouse, Ferryden.

- Time:** 2pm–4pm
Location: Lighthouse Road viewpoint, Ferryden, DD10 9RU
Cost: FREE
Booking: Booking essential, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk Angus Coastal Festival

TALK

An Artist's Entanglement with Scotland's Tide Lines

Artist Julia Barton introduces her award-winning art and science-based Littoral Art Project investigating beach plastic pollution

- Time:** 7pm – 8.30pm
Location: Carnoustie Leisure Centre, Carnoustie, DD7 7JB
Cost: FREE
Booking: Drop in

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Coastal Wildlife Quiz, Trail and Shell Hunt

Visit the Montrose Museum's Natural History Gallery to discover the wildlife of the coast. Trails and quizzes and sea shell activities for children of all ages. Come to the Museum and identify your shells too.

- Time:** Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm.
Location: Montrose Museum, Montrose, DD10 8HF
Cost: FREE
Booking: Drop in

*Activities run through 7-17th September

Saturday 8 September

FAMILY ACTIVITY

RSPB Coastal Colour Weekend

Join the RSPB in a range of fun family focused activities including Beach Clean Art, a Colour Chart Scavenger Hunt and making "Rockfish".

- Time:** 10am-4pm
Location: Lunan Bay Diner, Lunan Bay, DD11 5ST
Cost: FREE - donations welcome
Booking: Drop in

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Lighthouse Lego

If you're a fan of Lego and Lighthouses then this event is for you. Join Arbroath Signal Tower Museum staff as they help you build your own mini "Bell Rock".

- Time:** 11am-4pm
Location: Arbroath Signal Tower Museum, Arbroath, DD11 1PU
Cost: FREE
Booking: Drop in



FAMILY ACTIVITY

Examining the Entanglement of Plastic & Life on our Beaches

Join artist Julia Barton for a 'Close Examination' of Carnoustie Beach (hand lenses will be provided): discover the science behind the plastics on our Scottish beaches

- Time:** 11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm.
Location: Carnoustie Beach, DD7 7JB
Cost: FREE
Booking: Drop in.

*Meet on the slipway down to the beach

COASTAL CYCLE

Hidden Coast Tour - North Angus – Montrose, Kinnaber and St Cyrus

Join Angus Cycle Hub in an opportunity to explore the coast of Angus by bike and experience towering sea cliffs, abandoned world war II air bases and giant viaducts!

- Time:** 10am (17km, 2-4 hours).
Location: Montrose Leisure Centre, DD10 8TR
Cost: £8 per person
Booking: Booking essential, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk
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*Participants should be reasonably fit and come with clothing, food and drink suitable for the prevailing weather conditions. A Hybrid or Mountain Bike is most suitable

Sunday 9 September

WALK

Arbroath to Auchmithie - Geodiversity Trail & Wildlife Walk

Explore the famous sandstone cliffs and coastal wildlife sites of Angus with local naturalist David Lampard. Follow the coastal path looking at the many features such as the Needles E'e, De'ls head, the blowhole and discover how they were formed.

- Time:** 10am-2pm* approximate
Location: Victoria Park car park (Whiting Ness end), DD11 5TB
Cost: FREE
Booking: Booking essential, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk
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*Bring suitable clothing, footwear and a packed lunch.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Entanglement of Plastic & Life on our Beaches

Join artist Julia Barton in collecting plastic litter along the shoreline; discover the science – and art – behind the plastics and help create an Angus Collection of Marine Litter. Visit Julia's pop-up mini exhibition.

- Time:** 2pm–4pm
Location: East Haven Beach, DD7 6LT
Cost: FREE
Booking: Drop in

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Cost: FREE – donations welcome
Booking: Drop in

Monday 10 September

WALK

Monifieth Coastal Geology Walk

Join the Tay Estuary Forums’s Rob Duck to look at the local geology and management of the Monifieth to Balmossie coastline.

- Time:** 1.30pm–3.30pm
Location: East end of Marine Drive near to Riverview Caravan Park, DD5 4NN
Cost: FREE
Booking: Booking essential, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk
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OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Stand Up Paddle Boarding on Montrose Basin

Have you ever wanted to see Montrose Basin from a unique view point? Join local activity provider Sup2Summit on a small group adventure.

- Time:** Contact Sup2Summit
Location: Contact Sup2Summit
Cost: £17.50pp on weekdays and £20pp on weekends
Booking: Booking essential. Six spaces per session. See www.facebook.com/Sup2summit/ or www.sup2summit.com/ for details

* The activity is tide and weather dependant. Please check Facebook page or website for the timetable during the festival. The activity may be available on various days from 7-17 September.

Tuesday 11 September

WALK

Butterfly Identification and Recording

Anthony McCluskey will give a talk on butterflies in urban spaces before giving a guided walk to a Monifieth wildlife meadow

- Time:** 10am-3pm
Location: Monifieth Library, Monifieth, DD5 4BJ
Cost: FREE
Booking: Booking essential, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk Angus Coastal Festival

TALK

A Walk on the Wild Side - Montrose Golf Links

Hear from Les Rae, Deputy Head Green Keeper at Montrose Golf Links, on how the Montrose courses are managed to proactively benefit coastal wildlife.

- Time:** 7.30pm
Location: Montrose Caledonia Golf Club
Cost: FREE
Booking: Booking essential, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk Angus Coastal Festival

Wednesday 12 September

WALK

Montrose Coastal Geology Walk

Enjoy a coastal stroll at Montrose looking at the local geology and management of the coastline north of the mouth of the River South Esk with the Tay Estuary Forum's Rob Duck.

- Time:** 1.30pm–3.30pm
Location: Trail Pavilion, Montrose Seafront
Cost: FREE
Booking: Booking essential, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk
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WALK

Seaweed and Eat It

Join Margaret Horn (founder of The But 'n' Ben, Auchmithie) on a guided walk along the beach at Auchmithie. Margaret will demonstrate foraging for seaweed, the different types and its uses in cooking, past and present.

- Time:** 11am–12.30pm
Location: The But 'n' Ben, Auchmithie, DD11 5SQ
Cost: FREE
Booking: Booking essential, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk
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*After the walk why not try out some seaweed dishes on offer at The But 'n' Ben. Enjoy Seaweed Soup with Seaweed Soda Bread, Arbroath Smokie Pancake Seaweed infused or Carrageen Pudding or many other wonderful non seaweed dishes on offer. Lunches served 12–2pm. Please remember to book, 01241 877223.



Thursday 13 September

WALK

Coastal Stroll at Elliot Links

Join Scottish Natural Heritage on a walk around Elliot Links SSSI. Looking at plants and habitats, learn how and why it is a nationally important site and how the site is managed.

Time: 1.30pm–3pm

Location: Elliot interpretation board at the start of the boardwalk. Parking beyond Elliot Links Golf Course clubhouse, DD11 2PE

Cost: FREE

Booking: Booking essential, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk Angus Coastal Festival

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Tides, Migration and Bird Identification

Visit the Montrose Basin Wildlife Centre to learn all about the amazing creatures that live and holiday there! Try the children's quiz as you navigate around the centre.

Time: 10.30am–5pm

Location: Montrose Basin Wildlife Centre, Rossie Braes, Montrose, DD10 9TA

Cost: £4 adult, £3 conc., £7.50 family (2 adults & 2 children) extra children 50p.

Booking: Drop in

*Activities run through 7-17 September



COASTAL CYCLE

Hidden Coast Tour - South Angus West Links Arbroath, East Haven and Carnoustie

Join Angus Cycle Hub in an opportunity to explore the coast of Angus by bike on the stunning National Cycle Network Route 1. Heading south from Arbroath take in Elliot Links, the world famous Carnoustie Links Golf Course and enjoy numerous opportunities for nature spotting including occasional sightings of Short Eared Owl!

Time: 10am (15-20km, 2-4 hrs).

Location: Adjacent to Chalmers Filmhouse,
DD11 1QD

Cost: £8 per person

Booking: Booking essential, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk
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*Participants should be reasonably fit and come with clothing, food and drink suitable for the prevailing weather conditions. A Hybrid or Mountain Bike is most suitable

Friday 14 September

WALK

The Life History of Cetaceans in Angus Waters

Join cetacean researcher Claire Lacey of the Scottish Mammal Research Unit and learn about the ecology of the whales and dolphins found along the Angus coast.

Time: 2pm-4pm

Location: Victoria Park car park (Whiting Ness end),
DD11 5TB

Cost: FREE

Booking: Booking essential, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk
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TALK

#STOPThePlasticTide

Catherine Gemmell, Scotland Conservation Officer for the Marine Conservation Society, will talk about the work the charity has done in the last 30 years on marine litter and how the recent increase in awareness has been leading to positive action and policy change by industry and government. Come along to find out how you can help #stoptheplastic tide hitting Scotland's shores!

- Time:** 7.30pm
Location: Montrose Museum , Montrose, DD10 8HF
Cost: FREE
Booking: Booking essential, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk
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BEACH CLEAN

Marine Conservation Society

Big Beach Clean – Ferryden and Scurdie Ness

Help clean up Angus beaches during the Marine Conservation Society Big Beach Clean weekend.

- Time:** 9.15am
Location: Ferryden beach, DD10 9RU
Cost: FREE
Booking: Drop in

Saturday 15 September

PHOTOGRAPHY WALK & WORKSHOP

Photographing Coastal Wildlife

Join Angus wildlife photographer and coastal champion Ian Hay at the River South Esk estuary on an exclusive photography workshop. Learn the tricks of the trade when photographing a range of coastal wildlife.

- Time:** 9am-11am
Location: Lower riverside carpark, Ferryden, DD10 9RU
Cost: FREE
Booking: Booking essential, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk
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*There is an opportunity to visit Ian's exhibition 'Our Coast – the good, the bad and the ugly' at Montrose Basin Wildlife Centre after the event.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

RSPB Clean Marine Weekend at Lunan Bay

Join the RSPB in a range of fun family activities including Beach Clean Art, Go fish! and Marine Debris Snow Globes!

- Time:** 10am–4pm
Location: Lunan Bay Diner, Lunan Bay, DD11 5ST
Cost: FREE – donations welcome
Booking: Drop in

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Mud, Glorious Mud!

Join the Scottish Wildlife Trust at Montrose Basin Visitor Centre to discover the creatures of the coast that make their lives in the estuary mud.

- Time:** 2pm–3.30pm
Location: Montrose Basin Visitor Centre, Rossie Braes, Montrose, DD10 9TA
Cost: FREE
Booking: Booking essential, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk Angus Coastal Festival

*Wear wellie boots! Suitable for families, no unaccompanied children please.

BEACH CLEAN

Marine Conservation Society Big Beach Clean – St Cyrus

Help clean up Montrose Bay during the Marine Conservation Society Big Beach Clean weekend.

- Time:** 1pm–3pm
Location: St Cyrus NNR, DD10 0AQ
Cost: FREE
Booking: Drop in

EXHIBITION

Ocean Liners: Speed and Style

Experience life on board the world's greatest ocean liners in the V&A Dundee's unmissable opening show.

- Time:** 10am–5pm
Location: V&A Dundee, 1 Riverside Esplanade, Dundee DD1 4EZ
**Cost &
Booking:** www.vam.ac.uk/dundee

* Ocean Liners runs from 15 September 2018 to 24 February 2019.

Sunday 16 September

WALK

Open Doors St Cyrus – Wildlife Walk

Enjoy a relaxing and stimulating walk around the reserve and discover all about the moths, butterflies and other amazing wildlife that calls St Cyrus National Nature Reserve their home.

Time: 10am–12 noon
Location: St Cyrus NNR, DD10 0AQ
Cost: FREE
Booking: 01674 830736

*Some uneven ground

TALK

British Divers Marine Life Rescue – Cetacean Rescue Demonstration

Watch an engaging and educational demonstration from the local BDMLR team about the marine mammals of the Angus coast.

Time: 10am–4pm
Location: East Haven car park, DD7 6LT
Cost: FREE
Booking: Drop in

TALK

Open Doors St Cyrus - Chat with St Cyrus National Nature Reserve Staff

Join the St Cyrus NNR rangers and learn about the management of St Cyrus NNR at our stall.

Time: 1pm–3pm
Location: St Cyrus NNR, DD10 0AQ
Cost: FREE
Booking: Drop in

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Time: 10am–4pm
Location: Lunan Bay Diner, Lunan Bay, DD11 5ST
Cost: FREE - donations welcome
Booking: Drop in

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Rockpool Ramble!

Join Scottish Wildlife Trust staff to discover the rockpool creatures lurking in the shallows.

Time: 2pm-3.30pm

Location: North end of Victoria Park car park, Arbroath, DD11 5TB.

Cost: FREE

Booking: Booking essential, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk Angus Coastal Festival

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BEACH CLEAN

Marine Conservation Society Big Beach Clean – East Haven

Help clean up Angus beaches during the Marine Conservation Society Big Beach Clean weekend.

Time: 10am-2pm

Location: East Haven car park, DD7 6LT

Cost: FREE

Booking: Drop in

Monday 17th September

BEACH CLEAN

Marine Conservation Society Big Beach Clean – Montrose Beach

Help clean up Montrose Bay during the Marine Conservation Society Big Beach Clean weekend.

Time: 1pm-2pm

Location: Montrose Beach, DD10 8EL

Cost: FREE

Booking: Drop in



FREE Throughout September

EXHIBITIONS

Coastal Butterflies

Butterfly Conservation East of Scotland Group

Date: 1-30 September

Location: Carnoustie Library, Carnoustie, DD7 6AN

Times: Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri: 10am-5pm (7pm Mon),
Tues: 10am-1pm, Sat: 10am-4pm

Marine Mammal Rescue

British Divers Marine Life Rescue

Date: 3-23 September

Location: Monifieth Library, Monifieth DD5 4AE

Times: Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri: 10am-5pm
(7pm Mon), Thurs: 10am-4pm
Sat: 10am-1pm

Marine Litter

Marine Conservation Society #STOPThePlasticTide

Date: 3-24 September

Location: Arbroath Library, Arbroath, DD11 1AH

Times: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri: 10am-5pm (7pm Mon),
Wed: 10am-1pm, Sat: 10am-4pm

Our Coast – the good, the bad and the ugly - Ian Hay

From stunning wild life to terrible litter this exhibition will be a call to arms for our shores.

Date: 1-30 September

Location: Montrose Basin Wildlife Centre, DD10 9TA

Times: Mon-Sun: 10.30am-5pm

PORT 525 MONTROSE & Montrose Maritime Gallery

Montrose celebrates the 525 years since James IV granted the Burgh Charter, establishing the Port as one of Scotland's important trading ports.

Date: 1-30 September

Location: Montrose Museum, Montrose, DD10 8HF

Times: Tues-Sat: 10am-5pm

CONFERENCE

Tay & Forth Estuary Forum Conference

This year's theme is community approaches to coastal and marine planning.

Date: 28 September

Location: National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh, EH1 1JF

Contact: info@forthestuaryforum.co.uk

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Angus libraries Book Bug

These sessions will adopt a coastal theme during the festival.

BookBug Babies - Fri 11am

BookBug Toddlers - Fri 2.15pm

BookBug Storytime's - Mon 10.15am & 2.15pm

For more information please visit

www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk

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For bookings

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Local libraries and museums are joining in the fun with marine and coastal-themed displays –if you have a business in the area and would like to join in, please contact us for a free poster and plan your window display or shop entrance on the theme of coastal wildlife!

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